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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: TRAN HUU DANH ET AL

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1. TRAN HUU DANH AND FAMILY (GROUP TOTALS NINE) STATE THEY FLED VIETNAM APRIL 25 ON FISHING VESSEL AND WITH STOPS FOR FOOD, WATER AND FUEL IN THAILAND, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE, REACHED PALEMBANG, INDONESIA, ON MAY 20, HAVING BEEN TOWED INTO PORT BY INDONESIAN MERCHANT VESSEL. THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER CARE OF PALEMBANG RED CROSS SINCE THEN.

2. TRAN HUU DANH SENT LETTER DATED MAY 21 TO EMBASSY JAKARTA REQUESTING ENTRY TO U.S. AS REFUGEES FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY, AND FURTHER LETTERS DATED JULY 6 TO EMBASSY, AND JULY 31 TO U.S. PRESIDENT, SEPT. 10, OCT. 16 AND NOV. 10 TO EMBASSY. ON AUG. 4 TRAN HUU DANH ALSO WROTE FRENCH EMBASSY JAKARTA APPLYING FOR RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE.

3. TRAN HUU DANH SAYS HE IS GRADUATE OF FACULTY OF PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF SAIGON, AS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SPECIALIST, SECONDARY EDUCATION INSPECTOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MINISTRY OF CULTURE, EDUCATION AND YOUTH. FROM NOV. 19, 1972 TO MAY 21, 1973 HE VISITED U.S. FOR TRAINING PROGRAM IN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SPONSORED BY AID
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(P10/P NO. 730-10637) AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND IN

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ELSEWHERE.

4. TRAN HUU DANH SAYS FOLLOWING PERSONS IN U.S. WILLING TO HELP HIM AND FAMILY. (1) MRS. JENNY JOHNSON (WHOM HE IDENTIFIES AS HIS CONSULTANT), BOX 4, GARRETT PARK MARYLAND 20766, HOME TEL (301) 946-8627; (2) MR. COUGHLIN, WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CENTER, MERIDIAN HOUSE, 1630 CRESCENT PLACE N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009; (3) MR. & MRS. NUGYEN HUU TRI (FRIENDS), 2335 NORTH 11TH STREET, APARTMENT 201, ARLINGTON VIRGINIA 22201, TEL 324-0527; (4) MR. THOMAS J. LANDERS (HIS PROFESSOR), DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON D.C. OFFICE TEL (202) 686-2180 EXT 2189 AND HOME TEL (301) 762-7026; AND (5) MRS. LISA SILVA (FRIEND) 4217 SOUTH 12TH ROAD, APARTMENT 2, ARLINGTON VIRGINIA 22204, HOME TEL 521-1406 AND OFFICE TEL 692-4921. EMBASSY HAS COPY OF LETTER DATED OCT. 31 FROM MRS. JENNY JOHNSON OFFERING TO SPONSOR TRAN HUU DANH AND FAMILY.

5. TO DATE EMBASSY HAS NOT REGARDED TRAN HUU DANH AND FAMILY AS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER U.S. AS REFUGEES UNDER APPLICABLE GUIDELINES. HE HAS NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY IN U.S. AND FIVE MONTH TRAINING COURSE IN U.S. DID NOT APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT QUALIFICATION.

6. TRAN HUU DANH AND FAMILY ARE STILL AT PALEMBANG UNDER CARE OF INDONESIAN RED CROSS. LATTER INFORMS US FRENCH EMBASSY NOW CONSIDERING FAMILY'S APPLICATION FOR RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE, ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHICH ARE NOW BEING MADE, AND IT IS BELIEVED ALL NINE WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE TO FRANCE. IN ABSENCE OF FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM U.S. AUTHORITIES, FAMILY WOULD ACCEPT OFFER OF RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE.

7. RE PARA 3 REFTEL EMBASSY BELIEVES TRAN HUU DANH MERITS SYMPATHY. IF AFTER ALL THIS TIME FRENCH DO NOT ACCEPT HIM AND FAMILY WE WOULD RECOMMEND CONSIDERING PAROLE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

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